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SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment was adopted. Back to discussion of the bill, itself, LB 413. Seeing no lights on, Senator Robak, did you wish to close? Senator Robak waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 413 be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the advancement of LB 413. Have you all voted who wish to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 413.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 413 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 500, a bill by Senator Erdman. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11 of last year, referred to the Judiciary Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, you are recognized to open on LB 500.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Good afternoon, Senator Cudaback, members. The bill that we have before us, LB 500, is a bill which purpose is to bring state statutes of defining scheduled drugs into uniformity. The bill concerns substances dextropropoxyphene and levopropoxyphene. These substances are placed in a particular schedule based on the substance's medical use, potential for abuse, and safety or dependence liability. Currently, propoxyphene is scheduled...is included in the Schedule IV drugs. In Schedule II, dextropropoxyphene is included and levopropoxyphene is excluded. So there is an inconsistency. If you will look in the green copy, page 8 and page 9 are where the two changes do occur. The reality of the situation is, is that...and it is technical, the one is not available anymore and does not need to be tested for. So that is the reason why we are making this change from just levo or dextropropoxyphene to propoxyphene because, as Celeste from the State Patrol's Office, who does these testing when they get a controlled substance, has informed me, as well as the Judiciary Committee, it is no longer